III. REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in this application. The following remarks are being made to facilitate early allowance of the presently claimed subject matter. Applicants do not acquiesce in the correctness of the rejections and reserve the right to present specific arguments regarding any rejected claims not specifically addressed. Further, Applicants reserve the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Entry of this Response is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116(b) because the Amendment: (a) places the application in condition for allowance as discussed below; (b) does not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration; and (c) places the application in better form for appeal. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment.

In the Office Action, claims 1-8, 10-15, 17-18, 20-25 and 27-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Stephens, Jr. (US 6,636,853 B1); and claims 9, 16, 19, 26 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Stephens, Jr. in view of Brandli et al. (US 5,701,469). Applicants respectfully traverse those rejections.

With respect to claims 1, 10 and 20, Stephens fails to disclose each and every claimed feature and therefore does not anticipate the claimed invention. The present invention discloses, *inter alia*, "selecting a control based on whether the nature of the stored information meets a threshold set for the nature[,]" as recited in claims 1, 10 and 20. A control is a manner to display the information in a GUI. *See* Summary of the current application. Applicants submit that Stephens does not disclose, *inter alia*, this feature of the current invention. Stephens discloses a

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method to categorize information retrieved. *See generally* col. 8, lines 11-35. "[C]lient program instructions 302 uses a clustering algorithm to create groups or clusters of documents having similar attributes for a particular category or number of categories of information." Col. 8, lines 14-17. In determining the groups, the "[c]lustering algorithms use various heuristics and paramcters" including "maximum number of search rounds," "maximum number of records in the table," "maximum number of blocks per column, and font sizes and color schemes." Col. 8, lines 17-27. Also, "[t]he clustering algorithm determines each group based on one or more categories of information, such as a combination of 'size and date', and 'same author and price.'" Col. 8, lines 30-33. However, no matter how the categories are determined, the Stephens system does not display the different categories (groups/ clusters) in different manners, i.e., controls, and does not select a manner of display (control) based on whether nature of the information in a category meets a threshold set for the nature. In Stephens, the display in the GUI is always in the same manner. *See*, e.g., FIGS. 5a-5c. "By toggling [a] botton," a user may "switch the display of the list of documents in table 534 from descending to ascending order, or vice versa," but the manner of display itself cannot be changed. *See* col. 8, lines 45-48. The Stephens system never selects a manner of display (control) based on the nature of information in a category. In view of the foregoing, Stephens does not disclose "selecting a control based on whether the nature of the stored information meets a threshold set for the nature."

Stephens discloses width and height of a block, which provides a clue of the size of information contained in the clock for a user to determine (guess) whether the block contains the piece of information he/she needs. *See* col. 9, lines 21-31. However, there is no threshold about either the width or the height of a block in Stephens, and the Stephens system does not select a

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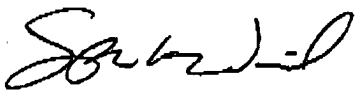
control based on the width or the height of a block. The width and height of a block in Stephens only gives a user some clue to decide whether to "click" on the button to choose this block. *See* col. 8, lines 36-55 and col. 8, lines 21-31.

In view of the foregoing, the current invention is distinctive to Stephens. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

Claims 2-9 are dependent upon claim 1, claims 10-19 are dependent upon claim 10 and claims 21-29 are dependent upon claim 20. Applicants submit that those dependent claims are allowable for the same reasons stated above, as well as for their own additional features.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary to place the application in better condition for allowance, he is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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